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SUBJECT: MEETING OF CUENCA DEL PLATA FOREIGN MINISTERS

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1. THE SIXTH MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE CUENCA DEL PLATA MARKED ANOTHER STEP IN THE ARGENTINE-BRAZILIAN PROCESS OF RAPPROCHEMENT. THE ARGENTINE PRESS MADE MUCH OF THE WARMING OF RELATIONS AS REFLECTED IN THIS GATHERING, DURING WHICH THE BRAZILIAN FOREIGN MINISTER, AZEREDO DA SILVEIRA, WAS DECORATED BY HIS ARGENTINE COLLEAGUE, AND FOLLOWING WHICH SILVEIRA HINTED THAT A PERON-GEISEL MEETING MIGHT TAKE PLACE IN THE MEDIUM TERM FUTURE.

2. ON ANOTHER PLANE, THE MEETING MARKED AN ARGENTINE ATTEMPT TO GENERATE SOME ENTHUSIASM AMONGST ITS NEIGHBORS FOR SUBREGIONAL INTEGRATION. THIS WAS THE THRUST OF PERON'S OPENING REMARKS TO THE GROUP, DURING WHICH HE REPEATED HIS INTEGRATION CATCH PHRASE: "BY THE YEAR 2000 WE WILL ALL BE UNITED OR WE WILL ALL BE DOMINATED." HE SUGGESTED THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDI-

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NATING COMMITTEE (COMITE INTERGUBERNAMENTAL COORDINATOR -CIC)

BE REORGANIZED AND REINVIGORATED IN ORDER TO ASSUME A MORE DYNAMIC ROLE IN THIS REGARD. THIS SUGGESTION WAS ACCEPTED BY THE OTHERS, AND WAS INCORPORATED IN AN APPROVED RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY THE ARGENTINES ENTITLED "THE DOCUMENT OF BUENOS AIRES."

3. IN PRACTICAL TERMS, THE MEETING APPROVED A DEVELOPMENT FUND OF US\$100 MILLION, OF WHICH ONLY US\$20 MILLION WILL BE SUBSCRIBED INITIALLY. THE FIRST US\$20 MILLION WILL BE USED ONLY TO COMPLETE PREINVESTMENT WORK, AND NOT TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION PHASE OF PROJECTS. HOWEVER, THE CHOICE OF A SITE FOR THE FUND WAS LEFT FOR LATER, IN ORDER NOT TO MAR THE ATMOSPHERE OF UNANIMITY WITH SQUABBLING BETWEEN PARAGUAY, BOLIVIA AND URUGUAY, EACH OF WHOM WAS UNWILLING TO SURRENDER ITS PRETENSIONS. IN THE MEANTIME, THE CIC WILL PROBABLY MANAGE THE FUND AND HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO DRAW UP A PROGRAM FOR MOVING FORWARD THE PROJECTS APPROVED BY THIS AND PREVIOUS MEETINGS, GIVING PREFERENCE TO THOSE OF THE "LITTLE THREE." A LIST OF THESE PROJECTS AND THE CONFERENCE DOCUMENT FOLLOW BY AIRGRAM. DECON 6-21-75.
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